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Mayor Dixon to Present Baltimore's BRAC Plan to Lt. Governor

Baltimore, MD (August 1, 2007) – Mayor Sheila Dixon presented Lieutenant Governor Anthony G. Brown with the final BRACtion Plan for Baltimore City. As Chair of Maryland's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Sub-Cabinet, Lt. Governor Brown requested that each local jurisdiction in the State of Maryland devise and submit a local BRAC Action Plan.

The BRACtion Plan is a guidebook for City BRAC preparedness. In 2005, the federal base realignment decisions prescribed the movement of military workers from out of state to Maryland military bases, specifically Aberdeen Proving Ground and Ft. George G. Meade. Current estimates indicate that the State of Maryland could receive an influx of as many as 60,000 new jobs over the next decade.

"The city of Baltimore is in a unique position to absorb the population moving to Maryland," said Mayor Dixon. "Baltimore offers quality, affordable homeownership opportunities unavailable in other jurisdictions."

The BRACtion Plan was developed after a series of meetings and individual discussions with City agencies, non-profits, foundations, private enterprise, small business owners, and community leaders, and after discussion and review in a BRAC stakeholders' forum known as BRACStat.

Building from the foundation established by the City's recently adopted Comprehensive Master Plan, the BRACtion Plan articulates strategies for Population Growth, Workforce Development and Education, Minority and Women-Owned Business Development, and Business Attraction. A draft plan was released in June with a 30-day public comment period.

"Baltimore City is primed to be an ideal location for BRAC families moving to Maryland to work at Aberdeen Proving Ground and Ft. Meade. Mayor Dixon and her BRACStat team have laid out a comprehensive plan to welcome these families," said Lt. Governor Anthony G. Brown. "Maryland is investing in the future of Baltimore City and our entire State to prepare for BRAC. We are ready."

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